

TO Cattle Owners and Dealers.

Your attention is called to the KANSAS STOCK YARDS located at Ellsworth, in Ellsworth county, Kansas.

The undersigned having established large and commodious yards for the handling and shipping of *Texas* and *Indian* cattle at Ellsworth, would respectfully invite the attention of Drovers and Dealers to the following facts:

1st. In driving to this point they avoid all the annoyances to which Drovers have been subjected on account of the prejudice existing against the introduction of *Texas* cattle into the State, as the yards are located west of the 1st guide meridian west of the sixth principal meridian, which is designated by law as the section into which they may be driven to the Union Pacific Railway, East Division, and thence shipped out of the State.

2nd. All Drovers are aware of the unjust persecutions to which they have been subject by driving to points where they could not be protected by legal authority, amounting in many instances to an almost entire prohibition of their business, and governed only by the rapacity of the informer. In order, therefore, to avoid these difficulties and to protect this great and remunerative trade, we have established the stock yards at Ellsworth in strict conformity to law, and can assure the Drovers that there will be no *black mail* levied, or suits commenced against them.

3d. The country immediately around Ellsworth, and for twenty or thirty miles west, north, and south of it, affords abundant pasturage for thousands of cattle, with living streams of water; in fact the range on the bottoms and high lands is unbounded in extent.

4th. At the last session of the Legislature of Kansas a law was passed, authorizing the laying out of a State Road from Ellsworth to the southern boundary of the State, in the direction of Fort Cobb; one of the provisions of this law was that *Texas* or *Indian* cattle might be driven over it without molestation, or being in any way liable to the penalties of the law of 1867, prohibiting the introduction of *Texas* cattle into the State.

5th. The undersigned, from an extensive acquaintance with cattle dealers in all parts of the country, will guarantee that cattle can be sold and disposed of at this point with greater celerity and less trouble than at any other point on the line of the road.

6th. They have established, in connection with their yards, banking facilities competent to any extent of business. The town of Ellsworth is well supplied with stores and hotel accommodations; and every thing necessary for an entire outfit, either wholesale or retail, can be obtained at reasonable prices.

7th. We would respectfully call the attention of Drovers to the accompanying extracts from the statutes and session laws of the State of Kansas.

In soliciting the trade to this point, we would distinctly state that we are guided only by the best interests of the Drover, the purchaser, and ourselves. We deem it of the utmost importance that a trade which has so much of the wealth of the country invested in it, and which is of so vast an importance in its effect upon the producer and the buyer, should be conducted without the unnecessary litigation and embarrassments which have heretofore surrounded it, and therefore seek, by throwing around it the mantle of the law, not only to benefit our immediate interests, but the entire stock growing interests of the United States. We shall at all times be found ready and willing to give every information to the Drover and buyer, and assure them that our facilities for handling cattle shall not be surpassed.

Arrangements have been perfected for shipping cattle from Kansas to Chicago by way of St. Louis, per the North Missouri Railroad, at the same rate as to Chicago by the Hannibal and St. Joe Road, thus offering a choice of markets.

The accompanying diagram will show at a glance that portion of the State from which cattle are excluded.

Very respectfully,

St. Louis, May 20, 1869.

WM. SIGERSON & CO.

REFERENCES.

HENRY AMES & Co., St. Louis.
 FAGIN, McQUEEN & Co., St. Louis.
 STERLING PRICE & Co., St. Louis.
 J. W. OGLESBY, New Orleans.
 HENRY W. MILLWARD, Chicago.
 HUDSON NASH & Co., Victoria, Texas.

ALLEN, COPP & NISBET, St. Louis.
 J. S. McCUNE, St. Louis.
 JNO. ALEXANDER, Jacksonville, Ill.
 VANAKEN WONDER, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 NATHAN SUNDERLAND, Burlington, Ohio.

JOHN J. ROE & Co., St. Louis.
 A. SUMNER, St. Louis.
 JAS. L. LAMB, Springfield, Ill.
 THOS. J. MARTIN, Louisville.
 HENRY SAMPLE, Lafayette, Ind.

ABSTRACT FROM AN ACT APPROVED FEB. 26, 1867, FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CATTLE OF THE STATE AGAINST THE SPANISH FEVER.

SECTION. 1. No person or persons shall be allowed to drive or cause to be driven into the State of Kansas, or through any part thereof, any cattle from the Indian Territory south of Kansas, or from the state of Texas, that may have come into the State, between the first days of March and December of each year, except as provided for in section 12 of this act; and any person or persons violating the provisions of this section shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the first offense be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty days nor more than six months; and for every subsequent offense the penalty shall be double that of the first offense; and continuing to drive such cattle through the State shall be deemed a subsequent offense.

SEC. 5. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be liable for all damages that may be done by said cattle, by imparting disease, and the evidence for the trial of actions for damages shall be the same as is provided herein for the trial of criminal cases, and that the justice may, when the evidence is clear or the presumption great, hold the offender to bail or fine as in other criminal cases.

SEC. 12. The provisions of this act shall apply to all that portion of the State east of the sixth principal meridian, and to all that portion of the State north of section 18, but shall not apply to that portion of South-west Kansas, west of the sixth principal meridian and south of township 18, as above provided. And provided further, that all persons herding or driving the description of stock mentioned in the first section of this act, in that portion of Kansas west of the sixth principal meridian and south of township 18, within five miles of any public highway or any ranche or other settlement, without the consent of the settler or owner of such ranche, shall be liable as provided for in the first and fifth sections of this act.

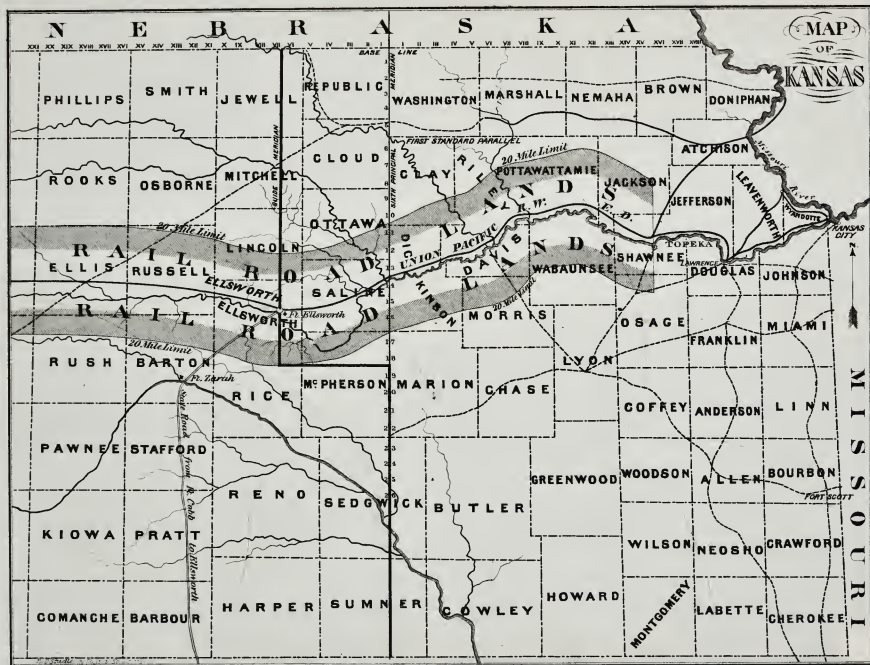
And provided further, that any person, association, or company, may, upon execution of a bond in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, payable to the State of Kansas, approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State, conditioned to pay all damages that may be incurred by any citizen of the State of Kansas, select a route from some point in southwest Kansas, west of the sixth principal meridian and south of township 18, to some point on the Union Pacific Railway, East Division, west of the first guide meridian, west from the sixth principal meridian, where such cattle may be shipped out of the State, but in no case unloaded in the State; and provided further, that said person, association, or company shall not locate said route, or drive said stock, or allow them to range, on any person's premises, or within five miles of any settler, without his or her consent in writing; and shall not drive said cattle along, or allow them to feed on or near any public road or highway; and any person violating any provision of this section shall be liable to all the penalties provided in the first and fifth sections of this act.

SEC. 13. All fines imposed under the provisions of this act shall be collected on execution as provided by law in civil cases.

SEC. 14. That any person who shall drive into or through this State, or any portion thereof, any of the class of stock herein before mentioned, between the first day of December and the first day of March in each year, shall be liable to the party injured for all damages, in the same manner as is provided in section five of this act.

It is also provided in said act, that a justice may order all such cattle to be driven out of the State on the same route whence they came in, and may assess as costs, a sum sufficient to cover all expenses of driving said cattle out of the State; and that the proof of the cattle being from the State or Territory south of the State of Kansas shall be by their general appearance.

By an act approved March 2, 1869, it is provided that the State road from Ellsworth to Fort Cobb, via Fort Zarah, shall be free and open for the traveling and passing of all coaches, and trains of all descriptions, and also for all herds and droves of horses, cattle and other stock, and none of the provisions, fines, penalties or hindrances of the act entitled an act for the protection of stock from disease, approved Feb. 27, 1867, shall apply to or be assessed or enforced against any person or persons who may drive any cattle or other stock over and along such road.



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Map of Kansas

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